



JUDGE JOANNE GARCIA
HIDALGO COUNTY PROBATE COURT
100 N. CLOSNER, 2ND FLOOR
EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539
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MEMO

TO: COMMISSIONER'S COURT

FROM: JUDGE JO ANNE GARCIA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

SUBJECT: AGENTA ITEM:

In regards to the Hidalgo County, Texas Administrative Policy Manual Travel Policies, Guidelines, and Procedures Travel policy as it pertains to mileage reimbursement, I am Requesting approval of mileage reimbursement for each of Probate Court Employees as follows:

- **YOLANDA HERNANDEZ, COURT COORDIANTOR**
- **SAMANTHA N. DIMAS, ASSISTANT COURT COORDIANTOR**

The above-mentioned employees are each registered to attend the Texas Association for Court Administration Seminar in Austin, Texas on October 12, 2026 – October 16, 2026.

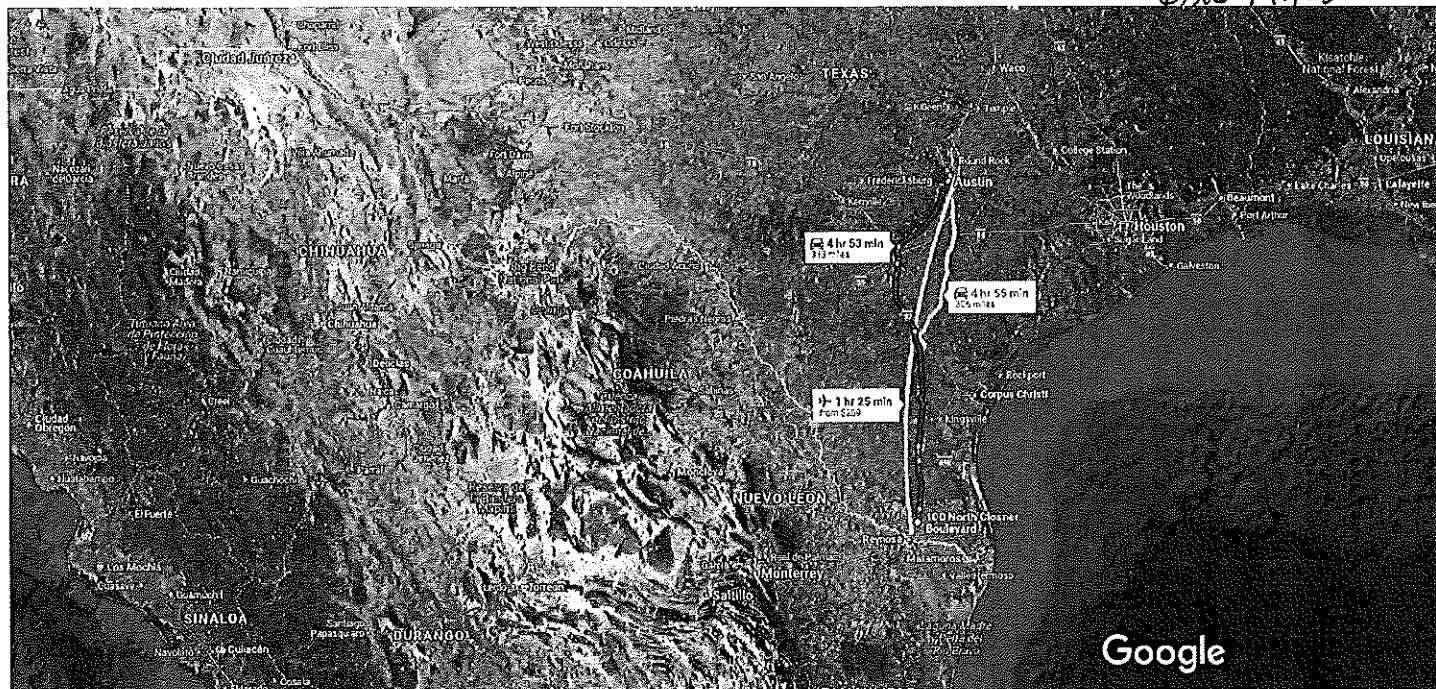
I am requesting approval of mileage reimbursement for each staff member for reason as stated below:

- different departure times
- different arrival times
- conflicting schedules
- seminar is live and in person and not available virtually

- there is no vehicle that can accommodate all employees
- employees are encouraged not to travel together
- rental cars are not available for each employee

In addition to the reasons stated above, the Court does have the budget to fund the full mileage expense for each employee cited above. This approval will not burden the Probate Court budget.

Google Maps

100 N Closner Blvd, Edinburg, TX 78539 Drive 313 miles, 4 hr 53 min
to 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, TX 78759X.2
626 Miles

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100 N Closner Blvd
Edinburg, TX 78539Get on I-69C N/US-281 N from N Closner Blvd and E
Schunior St

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|---|---|----------------|
| ↑ | 1. Head north toward N 10th Ave | 6 min (1.8 mi) |
| ↗ | 2. Turn right onto N 10th Ave | 115 ft |
| ↗ | 3. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto W McIntyre St | 180 ft |
| ↖ | 4. Turn left onto N Closner Blvd | 387 ft |
| ↗ | 5. Turn right onto E Schunior St | 0.4 mi |
| ↑ | 6. Continue onto E Richardson Rd | 0.9 mi |
| ↖ | 7. Turn left onto N 25th Ave/N Expressway 281/N Jasman Rd | 394 ft |
| ↗ | 8. Slight left to merge onto I-69C N/US-281 N | 282 ft |
| | | 0.3 mi |

9. Merge onto I-69C N/US-281 N

9 min (10.2 mi)

Follow US-281 N to I-37 N in Live Oak County

2 hr 10 min (148 mi)

10. Continue onto US-281 N

39.9 mi

11. Exit to stay on US-281 N

11.8 mi

12. Keep left to continue on US-281

- Pass by Dairy Queen (on the right in 91.2 mi)

95.9 mi

Continue on I-37 N. Take I-35 N to Research Blvd in Austin. Take the exit toward TX-360 Loop/Capital of Tx Hwy/Great Hills Trail from US-183 N

2 hr 18 min (152 mi)

13. Merge onto I-37 N

60.3 mi

14. Take exit 133 to merge onto I-410 N

14.1 mi

15. Continue onto I-35 N

69.0 mi

16. Keep left to stay on I-35 N

4.0 mi

17. Take exit 240B to merge onto US-183 N toward Research Blvd

4.6 mi

18. Take the exit toward TX-360 Loop/Capital of Tx Hwy/Great Hills Trail

0.3 mi

Follow Research Blvd and TX-360 Loop S to Arboretum Blvd

4 min (1.3 mi)

19. Merge onto Research Blvd

- Pass by The Container Store (on the right in 0.4 mi)

0.4 mi

20. Use the 2nd from the left lane to turn left onto TX-360 Loop S

0.4 mi

21. Turn right onto Arboretum Blvd

0.4 mi

22. Turn left to stay on Arboretum Blvd

325 ft

9721 Arboretum Blvd
Austin, TX 78759